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David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-5015

Re: Application of Second 2nd Century Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Local Interexchange Communications Services in the State of Tennessee; Docket No. 99-00632

Dear Mr. Waddell:

With respect to the above-referenced Application, 2nd Century Communications, Inc. ("2nd Century") wishes to clarify that it does not intend to offer local exchange telecommunications services in areas in Tennessee served by any rural telephone company, as this term is defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153 (37), and any incumbent local exchange company ("ILEC") with fewer than 100,000 total access lines as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201(d). As used by 2nd Century herein, the term "rural telephone company" also refers to telephone cooperatives. In the event that 2nd Century decides in the future to offer local exchange telecommunications services in areas in Tennessee served by a rural telephone company or companies, 2nd Century will amend its Application accordingly and seek the requisite approval from the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

Where 2nd Century has entered into an interconnection agreement with a non-rural ILEC, as this term is defined in 47 U.S.C. § 251(h), and where the non-rural ILEC's extended service area ("EAS") includes areas served by rural telephone companies or telephone cooperatives, 2nd Century reserves the right to terminate its service to such areas.

Sincerely,



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